Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme under the Ministry of Rural Development, for which technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and other implementing agencies. Central Ground Water Board has taken up a Central Sector Scheme on "Studies of Recharge to Ground Water" on pilot basis, under which 174 schemes have been approved in various parts of the country during Ninth Five Year Plan. The scheme has been proposed to be extended during the Tenth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 150.00 crore.

For meeting future requirements of water, as a long term measure. National Water Development Agency have formulated National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages interlinking between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins which will accrue benefits of drinking water supply, irrigation, hydro-power, flood control, navigation, fisheries, salinity and pollution control etc.

Rectification of Idus Water Treaty

742. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the outcome of the meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission held in Delhi on the sharing of water under the Indus Water Treaty between India and Pakistan;

(b) in what manner the Indus Water Treaty has put India to a disadvantageous position; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to rectify this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) During the meeting, no discussions were held on the sharing of water between India and Pakistan. In the said meeting, India had agreed to consider Pakistan's requests for the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) to undertake two tours, one in India and another in Pakistan and to have a meeting in Pakistan within three months following the 87th meeting with a view to endeavour to resolve the questions regarding the Baglihar Hydro-Electric Plant on the Chenab Main in Jammu & Kashmir by agreement. India also agreed to consider Pakistan's request for communication of flood flows

information by India to Pakistan during the monsoon period from 1 st July to 10th October, 2002 and Pakistan's offer of reimbursement of costs for such communication during 2001 and 2002. and convey its views. The PIC also finalized its Annual Report on its work for the year ended on 31st March. 2002 and the Records of its 86th and 87th meetings.

(b) Limited utilisation of the water of the Western Rivers (Indus, Jhelum and Chenab) as permitted to India by the Treaty is often being constructed as disadvantageous to India.

(c) Through the Treaty does not have an exit clause, it provides for modification of its provisions by a duly ratified treaty concluded for the purpose between the two Governments. Keeping also in view that theTreaty has provided for certain specified uses of the water of the Western Rivers by India, the matter could be taken up with Pakistan as and when needed.

Memorandum from NPCC Employees

743. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRIJ.CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Union representing the employees of National Projects Construction Corporation: and

(b) if so, the steps taken to mqurire into the corruption charges levelled and disciplinary action initiated against those who are found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations made therein were got investigated as per the provisions of the Vigilance Mannual and wherever *prima-facie* charges were established, appropriate disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the concerned employees of NPCC.

Sharing of water between Tamil Nadu and Kerala

744. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of agreement on Parambikulam-Aliyar river water has expired;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any step has been taken for revising the term of agreement betweenTamil Nadu and Kerala;